

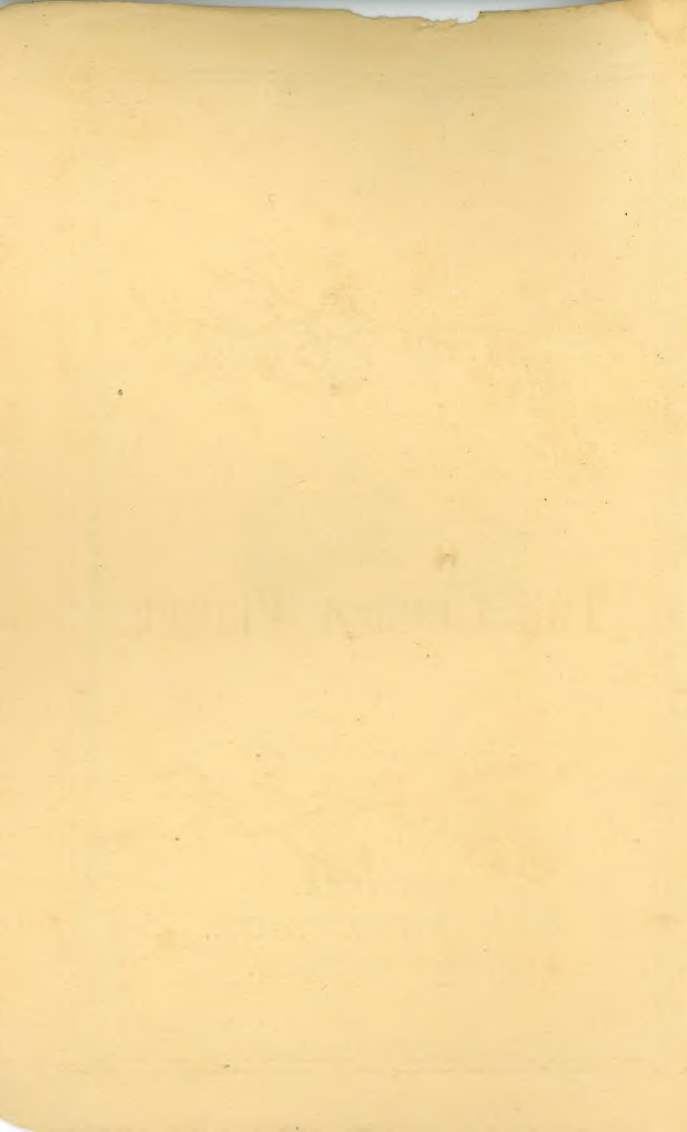
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THE ALPHABET.



A



a

Is for Adam, the first of our race,
Whom God in the Garden of Eden did place.

B



b

Is for Babel, the City and Tower
Men reared in their folly, defying God's power.

C



c

Is for Children, who joyfully sing
Hosannas to Jesus, their Saviour and King.

D



d

For young David; on God he relied,
And smote the proud giant, who Israel defied.

E



e

For Elijah, who daily was fed,
In time of the famine, by ravens with bread.

F



f

For the Fig-tree; lo ! barren it stands,
Though tended with care by the Husbandman's
hands.

G



g

For the Garden, in whose lonely shade
Our Saviour in agony earnestly prayed.

H



h

Is for Hagar ; despairing she cried,
And God in the desert a fountain supplied.

I



i

For the Innocents, slain with the sword ;
First martyrs were they for their Saviour and
Lord.

J



j

Is for Jacob ; in visions of night,
The pilgrim is cheered by a heavenly sight.

K



k

For the Kiss which Iscariot gave,
Betraying our Saviour to death and the grave.

L**l**

For the Lamb, ever patient and mild;
May you be as guileless and gentle, my child.

M**m**

For the Magi; wise men from afar,
To worship the Saviour, were led by a star.

N**n**

Is for Noah, to whom there was given
That beautiful token, the Rainbow in heaven.

O



o

For the Organ, whose tones help us raise
Our hearts and our voices in chanting God's
praise.

P



p

For proud Pharaoh, o'erthrown in the sea,
Pursuing the people whom God would set free.

Q



q

For Queen Esther, who nobly did brave
The royal displeasure, her people to save.

R



r

For the Rock, whence the stream freely flowed,
An emblem of mercies through Jesus bestowed.

S



S

For the Shepherds; with awe and surprise,
The song of the angels they hear in the skies.

T



t

Is for Timothy, taught when a child
To love and to study God's law undefiled.

U



u

Is for Unity, pleasant to see;
 Our Saviour hath taught us in love to agree.

V



v

For the Vow made by sponsors for me,
 That Christ's faithful soldier I ever should be.

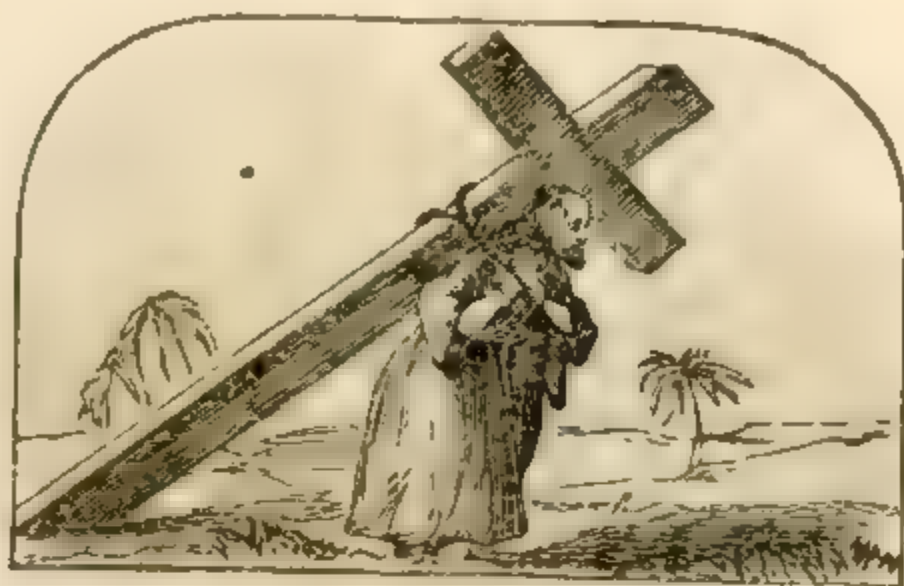
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w

The Wine in the Sacrament given [heaven.
 To strengthen our souls in the journey to

X



X

Is the Cross, which the faithful must bear,
If they in the joy of their Master would share.

Y



y

For the Young: ever blessed are they
Who early the call of their Saviour obey.

Z



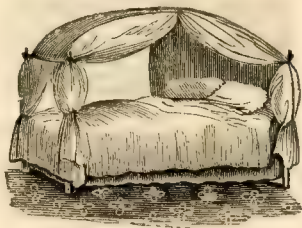
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Is for Zion, our Refuge and Rest;
On earth and for ever her children are blest.



An Ark.

A boy is in the Ark.
The boy is—MOSES.



See my bed.
I go to bed in the dark.

an	me	bed	ark
can	see	boy	dark
go	we	not	is



I see you. You can see me.

I can not see God.

God can see me.

I love you.

And you love me.

Do you love God?

God is good.

do

far

love

eye

you

star

dove

try

all

book

good

old

and

look

God

told



God made the eye to see.
My eye can not see far.
But the eye of God can see us all.



Can you see a star now?
Yes; I do see a star.
God made the star.



I see a fine dog. I like a dog.
Call the dog! He will run to you.
The dog will love me, if I am kind.



Now I see a boy and his dog.
Boy! do not hurt the dog.
The boy has a book in his hand.
See the dog look at the book!
I hope it is a good book.



Here is a good Book.
Try to read the book.
It will tell you the way to God.



The sun is in the sky.
God made the sun, and He made you, and
me, and all that we see.



A man rings the bell.
It is a big bell. It has a rope.
It calls us to come.



A Fly on a leaf.
Poor fly! I will not hurt it.
For God made the fly.



Hear the bird sing.
God made the bird to sing.
We can sing too.



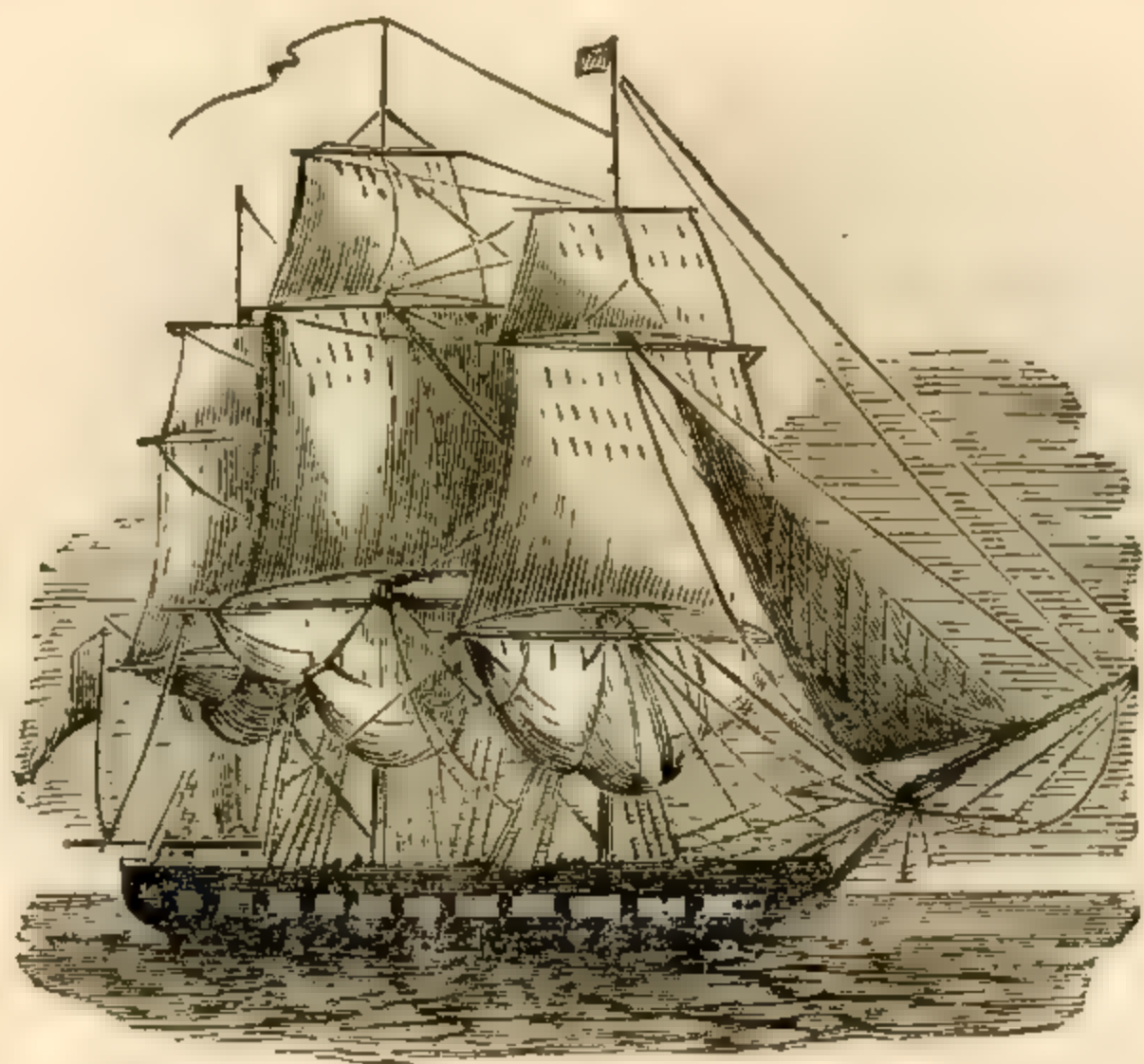
We love to sing to God.
God will like to hear us sing.
We will sing His praise.



See the man play on the harp.
 This man was a good king.
 He did love God.

play	ear	bird	how
may	hear	harp	mind
say	fear	king	kind
day	near	now	find

the	that	thine	thus
be	at	mine	us
thy	those	this	then
by	rose	miss	men

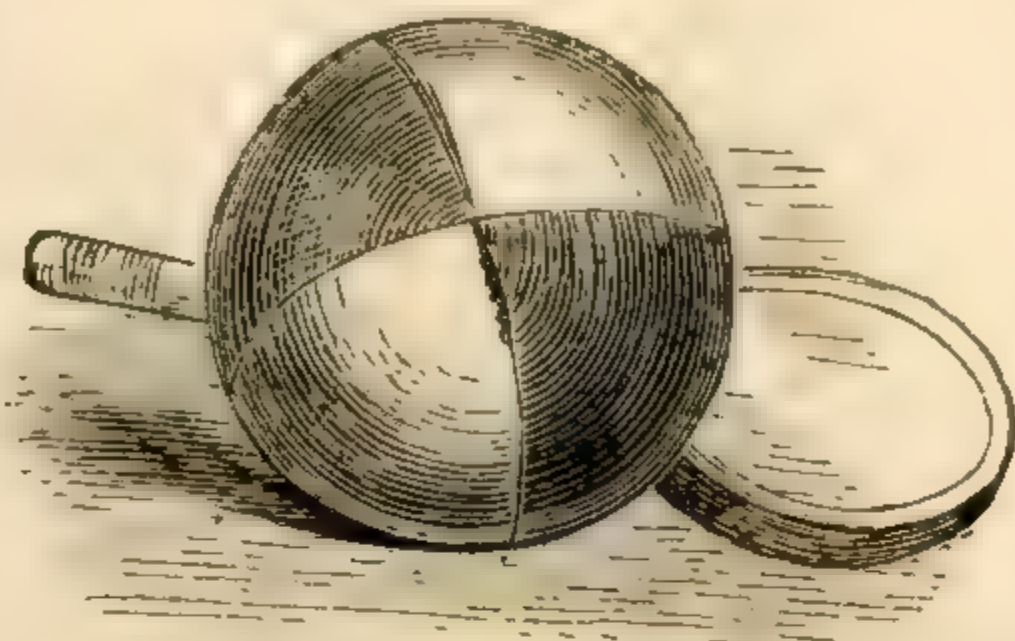


This ship will go on the deep sea.
But God can keep the ship.
If the men in the ship pray to God,
He will take care of them.

God can keep us safe, on the sea or on
the land.

No one but God can keep us in life.
Let us pray to Him to take care of us
day by day.

sing	rope	big	bell
ring	hope	has	well
rings	call	come	tell



I see a bat and a ball.
I like to play with the ball.
May I go and play now?



See my kit.
She can play with a ball too!
But I can do more than play, for I have
a soul. A cat has no soul.

bad	boat	ship	bat
sad	take	care	cat
lad	deep	sea	more
glad	keep	with	soul



Do not get into the boat.

It is on land now but the tide may rise,
and take it off.

A boy was told not to get into a boat,
but he did, and the tide rose, and a big
wave took him off, out to sea.

Did the boy get home at last? I can not
tell, but we will hope he did.

Be sure to mind all that you are told.

Those that have the care of you, can best
tell what is for your good.



See this dove. My dove is so tame, that
it will eat from my hand. I will try to be
as mild as my dear dove.



Here is a fine rose. See the buds!
God made the rose to give us joy.
How kind God is to us!



Try to be good all day. Do not tell a lie. Do not sin; for God can not love you if you sin.

Pray to God. God is in the sky, but He can hear you.

Ask God to make you good. We may come to God for all we need.

God will love those that love Him.

He will do what we ask, for the sake of His dear Son.



The Son of God came to live with men.
He came to save us from our sins.

How did He come? He took the form of
a babe, as you see Him here. He was made
like all men.

God sent His Son to save us. Do you
not love God?

Do you see men near the babe? They
came from far to see Him. Do you see an
ox near the babe?

Can you tell me what we call the day
when the Lord was born?

lie	sin	why	what
die	sins	when	where
ask	need	which	who
task	babe	whence	whose



The name of the Son of God was Je-sus. Here you may see Je-sus as a child. He was a child like you, but He was ho-ly and good. He did no sin.

My dear child, try to be like Je-sus, the ho-ly Son of God.

Je-sus	low-ly	o-bey
ho-ly	fa-ther	sis-ter
lov-ing	moth-er	broth-er

“I want to be like Je-sus,
Meek, lov-ing, low-ly, mild;
I want to be like Je-sus,
The Fa-ther's ho-ly child.”



I will try to o-bey my fa-ther and moth-er,
And I will be kind to my sis-ter and
broth-er.

bless	new	each	put
hands	grew	teach	like
arms	loved	reach	meek
mild	they	want	lit-tle
child	these	sure	chil-dren



The Son of God grew to be a man. He was good and kind to all, for He loved all men. He loved lit-tle chil-dren, too. He put His hands on them to bless them—yes, He took them up in His arms.

He will love you, now, my child, if you will ask for His love. Pray to Him to bless you.

“Je-sus, when He left the sky,
And for sin-ners came to die,
In His mer-cy passed not by
Lit-tle ones like me.”



The Lord Je-sus went from place to place to preach, and to teach men to be good.

Sick men came to Him to be made well. Did He cure them? Yes, and He made the blind to see and the lame to walk.

How did Je-sus do this? He was God; and He had pow-er to do all things.

Je-sus told men that He was come to save them from their sins. This was good news for us all.

walk	face	sick	do-ing
talk	grace	blind	go-ing
heal	cure	came	pow-er



Je-sus went a-bout do-ing good. Can we be like Him in this? Yes, we can.

We can not do the great works which Je-sus did, for none but God can do these. But we can be kind to all we meet, we can try to help others, and be glad to do them good.

You may not be rich; but Je-sus has said, if you do but give a cup of cold water to one in need, for His sake, that He will see it, and bless you.

Try to do all the good you can, by kind words and deeds. In this way you will be like our dear Lord.

words	none	drink	give
works	said	think	live
great	need	things	cold
help	deeds	rich	meet



The Son of God came in-to the world to save sin-ners.

To save us, He must die for us. He was will-ing to die, so that for His sake, God might for-give our sins, and take us to live with Him in heav-en.

Je-sus had no sin ; but He bore our sins, and died up-on the cross for us. We will love Him, for He first loved us.

We will try to be good, that we may please Him here, and go to Him when we die. None but those who love and o-bey Him can be with Him in heav-en.



Bad men did not love the ho-ly Son of God. They tried to kill Him. At last they *did* take Him, and nailed Him to a cross of wood.

Je-sus let them take Him, for it was His will to die for us. Oh, how much He loved us!

He e-ven prayed for those bad men who put Him to death. He said, "Fa-ther, for-give them, for they know not what they do." Be-fore He died, it grew dark like night.

died	cross	might	sin-ful
tried	much	bright	sin-ners
must	such	right	for-give
trust	soon	sight	a-bout
dust	moon	night	up-on



Look at the moon, my dear child: how fair and bright it is!

Can you tell me who made the moon to give light in the night? Yes, you know that it was God who made all things.

How great and wise our God must be! And yet He looks down with love up-on each lit-tle child, and we may call Him Our Fa-ther.

world	know	will-ing
fair	house	heav-en
down	church	e-ven



This good man is one of those sent by God to teach us from His ho-ly word, and to lead us in the way to heav-en.

I hope you go to church on each Lord's Day, and I hope you try to join in the ho-ly wor-ship, and to hear all that your pas-tor says.

Do not play or look a-bout in church. Do not for-get that you are in the house of God.

E-ven a ver-y lit-tle child can say A-men to the pray-ers. And if you sit still, and at-tend, you will be sure to hear some words that will do you good.

join

pas-tor

for-get.

lead

wor-ship

your-self

read

Bi-ble

les-son



The Bi-ble is the best of all books. It is the ho-ly word of God.

In this pic-ture we see a child try-ing to read in the Bi-ble.

Do you not wish to read it! Try to learn fast, that you may soon read the Word of God. You will love this book. All good men love it.



In this pic-ture we see some of those who do not know the true God, and Je-sus Christ. A good man is try-ing to teach them. He will tell them a-bout Je-sus, for it is by Him a-lone that we can come to God.

Are you not glad that you were born in a land where God is known?

In some lands the lit-tle chil-dren are told to pray to those that are no gods. Is it not sad to think of this?

We must pray for them. We must help to send them the Word of God, that they may learn the way to heav-en.

learn	ease	a-ny	a-lone
saved	please	ma-ny	pic-ture
shall	their	o-pen	com-eth
truth	peace	en-ter	al-so



These lit-tle chil-dren have a hap-py home. Their fa-ther and moth-er do all they can to please them. You see they have ma-ny play-things.

But these will not make them hap-py, un-less they are kind to each oth-er in their play, and live in love and peace.

“Be-lov-ed, let us love one an-oth-er, for love is of God.”—1 *John* iv. 7.



On the third day after Je-sus died up-on the cross, He rose a-gain from the dead.

He had pow-er to rise from the dead, for He was God, and He is a-ble to raise us al-so.

The Bi-ble says, "As Je-sus died, and rose a-gain, e-ven so, them al-so which sleep in Je-sus will God bring with Him." Those that "sleep in Je-sus" are those that have died be-liev-ing in the Lord Je-sus.

When will God bring them to life a-gain? At the last day.

The day on which our Lord rose from the dead is called Eas-ter-Day.

third	a-gain	bring	raise
weak	a-against	grave	praise
speak	a-rise	ev-er	sleep
voice	sur-prise	nev-er	weep
re-joice	in-deed	a-ble	laid



We must all die at some time, and we can-not tell how soon. But if you love Je-sus, you need not fear to die, for your soul will be hap-py, when your bod-y is laid in the dark grave.

Can you tell me the verse from the Bi-ble which you read on the last page?



Yes, we must all die. But at last a day will come when all the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and they will rise from the grave.

Those who did love Je-sus, and o-bey Him while they lived, will be glad, and meet Him with joy, and they shall be ev-er with the Lord. But the wick-ed will be in great fear, and He will send them a-way from Him for ev-er.

hap-py

for-ty

re-pent

wick-ed

al-ways

be-lieve

bod-y

part-ed

be-liev-ing



Je-sus stayed up-on earth for-ty days af-ter He rose from the dead.

He spent this time with the men who loved Him, and whom He was a-bout to leave to take care of His Church when He was gone to heav-en.

One day Je-sus led them out to a mount,

and there He bless-ed them and was part-ed from them, and went up to heav-en in their sight.



The men whom Je-sus sent forth were called the A-pos-tles. Je-sus said to them, "Lo, I am with you al-ways, e-ven to the end of the world." He meant that He would be with them, and with those who should take their place, when they were dead.

He told them to go forth and teach all men the things which they had learned of Him; and that they must re-pent of their sins, and be-lieve in Him, and be bap-tized, that they might be saved.

Is Je-sus with His min-is-ters now? Yes, al-ways—by His Spir-it. Thus you see that we should hear and o-bey them as men sent by God.



Do you be-long to the Church of Christ? When you were a lit-tle ba-by, those who loved you took you to the church, that you might be bap-tized as the Lord com-mand-ed, and thus made a mem-ber of His Church; and the child of God. The min-is-ter then made up-on your fore-head the sign of the cross, in to-ken that you should be-long to Je-sus, and prayed Him to love and bless you.

But now that you are old-er, and can think of all this, if you do not live as a child of God, all that has been done for you will be in vain.



Does Je-sus care to have lit-tle chil-dren made a part of His Church?

Yes in-deed. He said to one of His a-pos-tles, be-fore He went up to heav-en, "Feed my lambs."

Whom did He mean?

Lit-tle chil-dren. They are the lambs whom Je-sus loves.

The Bi-ble said of Him, "He shall gath-er the lambs in His arms, and car-ry them in His bos-om."

Je-sus is the Good Shep-herd. Do you not love Him? Do you not wish to be al-ways one of His dear lambs?

“I Thy lit-tle lamb would be;
Je-sus, I would fol-low Thee.
Sam-u-el was Thy child of old;
Take me too with-in Thy fold!”



Here is lit-tle Sam-u-el. He was a hap-py child, for he loved God, and God loved him. When he was but a lit-tle boy, his moth-er took him up to the house of the Lord, that he might stay there and serve God al-ways. Sam-u-el loved to serve God in His temple. God spoke to Sam-u-el from heav-en, and said He would be his Friend. God will sure-ly be your Friend, too, if you love Him, and keep His com-mand-ments.



Here are some chil-dren play-ing with their pet lamb. They love the lamb, for it is meek and gen-tle, and the lamb loves them.

In the old time, a lamb was of-fered on the al-tar, day by day, for the sins of men. This was to put them in mind of Him who was to come, to die for all men.

Thus our dear Lord is called, The Lamb of God, which tak-eth a-way the sins of the world. And when He gave His life for us, there was no more need of an of-fer-ing for sin.

◆ One. 1.

“ONE Lord, One Faith, One Bap-tism, One God and Fa-ther of all” *Eph.* iv. 5, 6.

◆ ◆ Two. 2.

“No man can serve Two mas-ters.” *Matt.* vi. 24.

◆ ◆ ◆ Three. 3.

“Now a-bid-eth Faith, Hope, Char-i-ty, these THREE; but the great-est of these is Char-i-ty.” 1 *Cor.* xiii. 13.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Four. 4.

“There be FOUR things which are lit-tle up-on the earth, but they are ex-ceed-ing wise.” *Prov.* xxx. 24.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ Five. 5.

“Are not FIVE spar-rows sold for two far-things? and one of them shall not fall to the ground with-out your Fa-ther.” *Luke* xii. 6.



Six.

6.

“Six days shalt thou la-bor, and do all that thou hast to do.”



Seven.

7.

“SEV-EN times a day do I praise Thee.”
Ps. cxix. 164.



Eight.

8.

“The ark where-in a few, that is EIGHT souls, were saved by wa-ter.” 1 *Pet. iii. 20.*



Nine.

9.

“Je-sus said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the NINE?” *Luke xvii. 17.*



Ten.

10.

“He wrote up-on the ta-bles the TEN com-mand-ments.” *Ex. xxxiv. 28.*



Here is a pic-ture of the Flood which God sent up-on the earth to de-stroy all that lived. No-ah was a good man, but he lived at a time when all oth-er men were ver-y wick-ed.

God told No-ah to make an Ark that would float on the wa-ter like a ship. And No-ah did so ; and, at the word of God, he and all his went in-to the Ark. They took al-so of ev-er-y beast of the earth, two of each kind, to keep them a-live in the Ark. Then the Flood came, and all that were not in the Ark were drowned. The Ark, where No-ah was in safe-ty, is a type of the Church of God, where all the good are safe.



“I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for Thou, Lord, on-ly mak-est me dwell in safe-ty.” *Ps. iv. 8.*

God gives His an-gels charge o-ver us.

Can we see the ho-ly an-gels? No, not *now*; but we know they are near us.

“Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die be-fore I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take,
For Je-sus my Re-deem-er’s sake.”



Je-sus said, "I am the Vine, ye are the branch-es. As the branch can-not bear fruit of it-self, ex-cept it a-bide in the vine, no more can ye, ex-cept ye a-bide in me."

Je-sus is the true Vine, in-to which we are *graft-ed* at our bap-tism, when we are made mem-bers of Christ. What fruit shall we bear, if we do a-bide in Christ? The fruit of good works. How can we a-bide in Him? We must be-lieve in Him, love Him, and pray to Him day by day.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

"E-ven a child is known by his do-ings."



This lit-tle child can not walk a-lone. Once you were as small and weak and help-less as this ba-by; but God has kept you safe from harm, day by day, and now you can run, and play, and learn.

But you can not now go a-lone in the way to heav-en. I mean that you can not of your-self do what is right. With-out God's help, you will fall in-to sin. Pray un-to God, "Hold up my go-ings in Thy paths, that my foot-steps slip not!"

God takes care of all those who try to walk in His ways, and He will help them.



Do you not like to watch the hen with her chicks? What care she takes of them! and if she sees a-ny dan-ger near, she calls, and they all run to her, and hide un-der her wings.

When our dear Lord was soon to be put to death by wick-ed men whom He came to save, as He was com-ing near to the ho-ly cit-y of the Jews, He wept o-ver it, and said, “Oh, Je-ru-sa-lem! how of-ten would I have gath-ered thy chil-dren to-geth-er, as a hen doth gath-er her brood un-der her wings, and ye would not!”

Oh! how great is the love of Je-sus for poor sin-ners! But He says of ma-n-y now, as He did of the Jews, “Ye will not come un-to me, that ye might have life.”



Lit-tle Tom has a new book, but he can not read it, for he has not yet learned to read well. He has come to his broth-er Hen-ry to ask him a-bout the pic-tures. Will Hen-ry send him a-way? No; he is a kind broth-er. He will tell him what the pic-tures mean, and try to teach him some good les-son from them.

This is right. God is pleased with children who love and help each oth-er.



What does this picture mean? Why is this man in the fire? I will tell you. This holy man was a mar-tyr—one who chose to suffer a cruel death, rather than give up the truth of God's word. Men hated him because he loved the Bi-ble, and tried to make oth-ers love it; but though he knew that they would kill him, he would not forsake his faith.

Such were those of whom we say in church, "The no-ble ar-my of mar-tyrs praise Thee." Je-sus said, "Fear not them which kill the bod-y, but are not a-ble to kill the soul."



God has giv-en us ten ho-ly com-mand-ments, to keep and to do them.

The first com-mand-ment is—

“Thou shalt have none oth-er gods but me.”

Can there be a-ny oth-er gods, but the great God who made us? No; there is but one God. God the Fa-ther, who made us; God the Son, who died to save us; and God the Ho-ly Spir-it, who can make us ho-ly, and fit to live with God. These Three Per-sons are One and the same God, and there is none oth-er be-side Him.



The next com-mand-ment says—

“Thou shalt not make to thy-self a-ny grav-en im-age, nor the like-ness of a-ny thing that is in heav-en a-bove, or in the earth be-neath, or in the wa-ter un-der the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor wor-ship them.”

Would you think men would ev-er bow down to an im-age to wor-ship it? An im-age, or i-dol, can not see them, nor hear them pray. It is the work of men's hands. But there are ma-ny peo-ple who do pray to i-dols. They do not know how wick-ed it is.

grav-en	a-bove	true	swear
im-age	fear-ful	thou	an-gry
sil-ver	tak-eth	shalt	care-less
like-ness	be-neath	curse	guilt-less

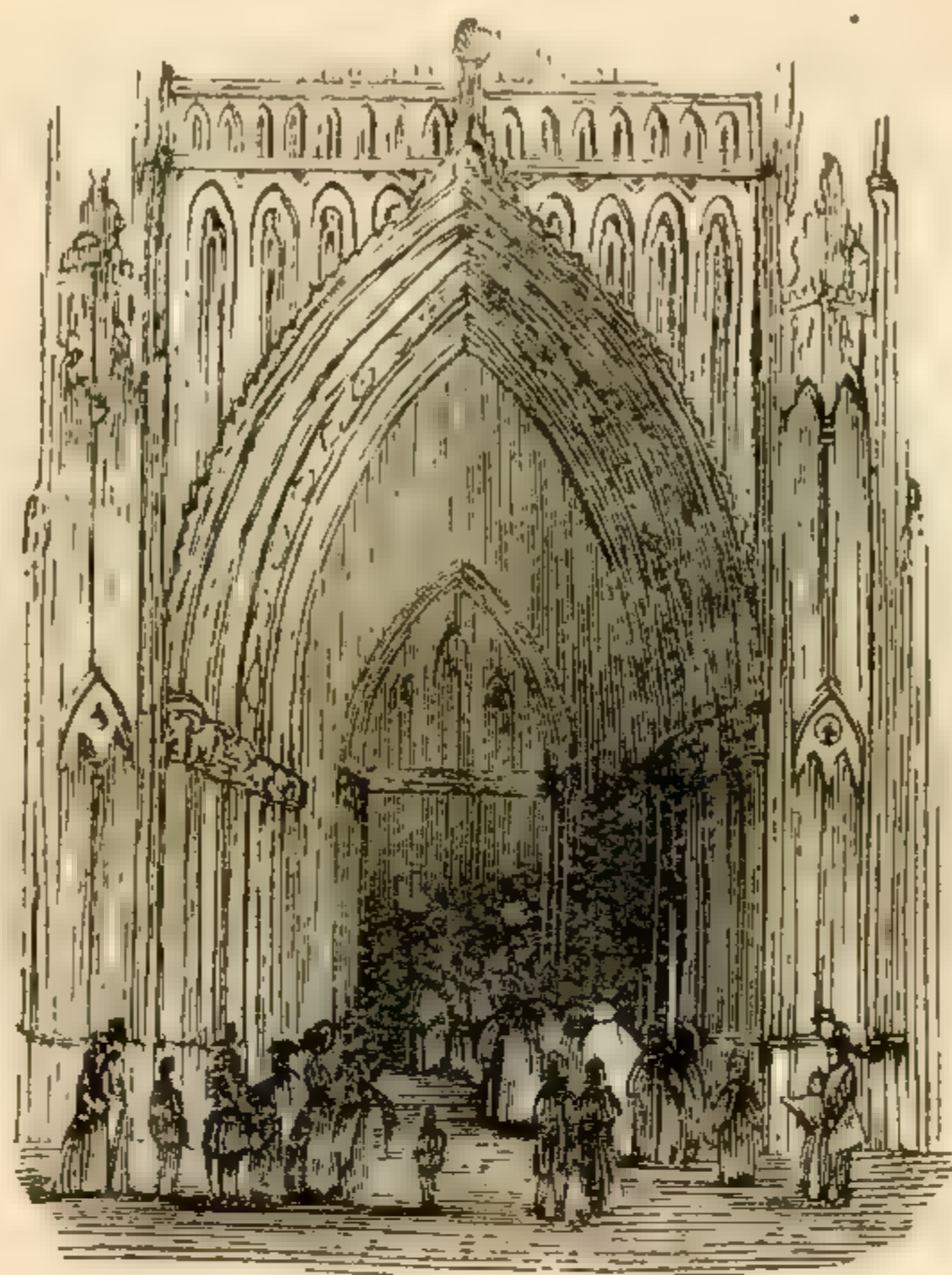


The third com-mand-ment is—

“Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guilt-less that tak-eth His Name in vain.”

When we pray to God, or speak His ho-ly Name, we must think what we say. We must not speak it in play, nor in a care-less way, for that is to take God’s Name in vain.

God says He will not hold us guilt-less, which means in-no-cent, if we use His Name light-ly. He is ver-y an-gry with those who curse and swear. We will hal-low His Name.



This is the next com-mand-ment—

“Re-mem-ber that thou keep ho-ly the Sab-bath-day. Six days shalt thou la-bor, and do all that thou hast to do. But the sev-enth day is the Sab-bath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no man-ner of work—thou and thy son, and thy daugh-ter, thy man-ser-vant, and thy maid-ser-vant, thy cat-tle, and the stran-ger that is with-in thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heav-en and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rest-ed the

sev-enth day. Where-fore the Lord bless-ed the sev-enth day, and hal-low-ed it."



If we keep the Lord's day ho-ly, it will be to us a hap-py day—the best in the week.

"I was glad when they said un-to me, Let us go in-to the house of the Lord."

"This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will re-joice and be glad in it."

pleas-ed

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sev-enth

hal-low-ed



This is the fifth com-mand-ment—

“Hon-or thy fa-ther and thy moth-er; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giv-eth thee.”

Do you think the chil-dren in the pic-ture hon-or their fa-ther and moth-er? I think they do, for they look hap-py.

Lit-tle chil-dren who do not mind their par-ents, can not be hap-py, for God is not pleased with them. You must o-bey all those who teach you or have the care of you.

The next com-mand-ment is—
“Thou shalt do no mur-der.”



What leads men to hurt and kill one an-oth-er?

It is the work of the wick-ed one. He puts hate-ful tem-pers in-to their hearts.

It was so with Cain; in a fit of an-ger he killed his own broth-er.

Love one an-oth-er, dear chil-dren. Do not let an-gry feel-ings stay in your hearts.

For-give one an-oth-er, “as God, for Christ’s sake, hath for-giv-en you.”

Two of these boys look as if their hearts were full of an-ger and hate.

The sev-enth com-mand-ment is—

“Thou shalt not com-mit a-dul-ter-y.”



This is a long word for you to spell. This law of God bids us keep from all unclean thoughts, words, or ac-tions.

Chil-dren some-times think it is fun to say things to each oth-er, which they would not like their par-ents to hear. Re-mem-ber that God hears all that you say. God can see all that you do.

Pray to God to keep your soul and body from all sin, and to make you pure and ho-ly by his good Spir-it.



The next com-mand-ment is—
“Thou shalt not steal.”

You know that to steal means to take some-thing that does not be-long to you. I hope you will nev-er do such a thing. Keep your hands from pick-ing and steal-ing, and nev-er take ev-er so small a thing that is not your own.

Ma-ny a child has be-gun by tak-ing some very lit-tle thing, as a nut, or a lit-tle toy from an-oth-er, and has gone on in this sin, un-til at last he has come to pris-on and to shame.

Pray God that you may have grace to be true and just in all you do.

The ninth com-mand-ment is—

“Thou shalt not bear false wit-ness a-against thy neigh-bor.”



Who is our neigh-bor? It means a-ny one with whom we have to do.

And to bear false wit-ness is to tell a lie.

I hope you will al-ways speak the truth, for to tell a lie is a great sin, which God hates.

There is no such thing as a *lit-tle* lie.

But you must not be fond of tell-ing tales of one an-oth-er, e-ven if you are sure that what you say is true. We must not like to tell of wrong things that oth-ers have done.



The tenth and last of the com-mand-ments is, "Thou shalt not cov-et thy neigh-bor's house, thou shalt not cov-et thy neigh-bor's wife, nor his ser-vant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor a-ny thing that is his."

Do you know what it is to cov-et? It is to wish ver-y much for a-ny thing that be-longs to an-oth-er.

God knows what is best for us; and He is our kind Heav-en-ly Fa-ther, and will give us all things that are for our good.



My child, do not for-get to pray to God. God will al-ways hear you, for the sake of Je-sus Christ our Lord, if you pray to Him with all your heart.

We know not what to pray for, or how to pray as we ought; but God will help us by His good Spir-it, if we ask Him.

Do you say the Lord's Pray-er? It is so called be-cause our Lord him-self gave it to us. I hope you do say this ho-ly pray-er, day by day.

Now, you may try to read it, when you have spelled the words on the next page.

knock	dai-ly	con-tains	tres-pass-es
bread	glo-ry	pray-er	tres-pass



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to tempt-a-tion; But de-liv-er us from e-vil: For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Je-sus said, "If ye shall ask a-ny thing in my name, I will do it."

A-gain, He said, "Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be o-pen-ed un-to you."

THE A-POS-TLES' CREED, which we say when-ev-er we meet to-geth-er in church, con-tains ho-ly truths which all faith-ful Chris-tians have be-lieved, and which ev-ery child ought to know and be-lieve.

Your Spon-sors at your bap-tism prom-ised for you, that you should be-lieve all the Chris-tian faith. Try, then, to know the mean-ing of each word in the Creed, that you may join in it, when it is said in church, with your whole heart.

THE CREED.

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther Al-might-y,
Mak-er of heav-en and earth :



And in Je-sus Christ,
his on-ly Son, our Lord ;
Who was con-ceiv-ed by
the Ho-ly Ghost, Born of
the Vir-gin Ma-ry ; Suf-
fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-
late, Was cru-ci-fied, dead,
and bur-ied ; He de-

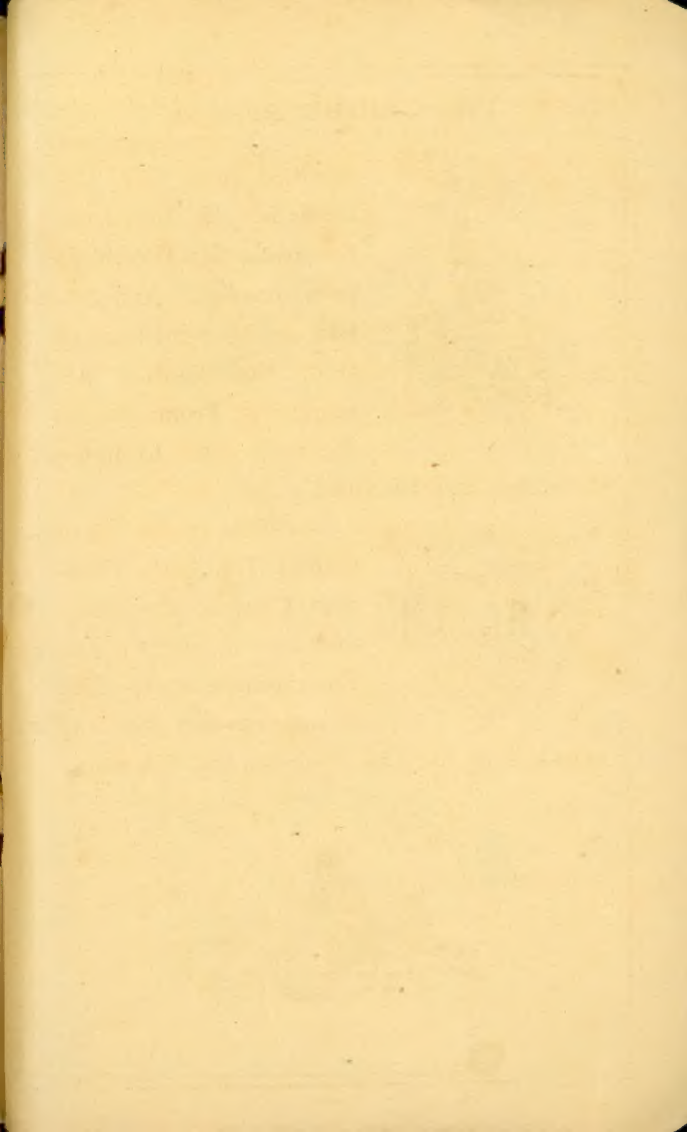


scend-ed in-to hell, The
third day He rose from
the dead; He as-cend-ed
in-to heav-en, And sit-
teth on the right hand of
God, the Fa-ther Al-
might-y; From thence
He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.



I be-lieve in the Ho-ly
Ghost; The ho-ly Cath-
o-lic Church, The Com-
mun-ion of Saints; The
For-give-ness of sins; The
Res-sur-rec-tion of the
body; And the Life ev-er-last-ing. A-men.







THE CHURCH PRIMER.

